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MANISTEE COUNTY TECHNOLOGY/INFORMATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Thursday, December 9, 2010
11:00 A.M. .

Manistee County Courthouse
415 Third Street, Manistee, Michigan

Members Present: Glenn Lottie, Chairperson/County Commissioner; Gordon McLellan, Network Administrator; Thomas D. Kaminski, County Controller/Administrator (arrived late); Marilyn Kliber, County Clerk; Lisa Vasquez, Equalization Department; Kathy Lynn, 85th District Court; Bruce Schimke, Maintenance Supervisor; and Jeri Lyn Prielipp, Finance Assistant/Recording Secretary

Members Absent: Allan O'Shea, County Commissioner; Ford Stone, Prosecuting Attorney; Russell Pomeroy, County Treasurer; Sue Wagner, County Planner; Penny Pepera, Register of Deeds; Kris Randall, 19th Circuit Court Administrator; Captain Lancaster; Deidre Robison, Probate Court Register; and David Thompson, Friend of the Court

Mr. Lottie called the meeting to order at 11:00 A.M.

ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

None.

ITEMS NOT REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

The Committee discussed various options for establishing a dedicated high speed fiberoptic internet connection between all County buildings, specifically connecting the Courthouse to the Sheriff Department/Jail.

Mr. McLellan stated that he was approached by Ed Bradford, from the City of Manistee, who would like to foster a dialogue and relationship between the City and County to work together on technology projects. Mr. McLellan explained that the City is almost done with a project similar to what Mr. McLellan is trying to accomplish as far as connecting all the County's institutional buildings. Mr. McLellan explained that through his conversations with Mr. Bradford, he has learned that the City is working with a company called Agrivalley to offer wireless high speed internet to a 30 to 40 mile range by the end of 2011, which should cover most of Manistee County. Although, Mr. McLellan is puzzled why Agrivalley chose to work directly with the City rather than with the "Connect Manistee" group, which was formed about a year ago and pledged to act homogeneously to more or less spearhead a County-wide broadband project.

Other options might be to connect the County buildings through the ISD's network and paying an annual fee for their services as network provider, which would cut down on construction costs, or the County could look into its own fiberoptic install, which has a considerable up front cost of approximately \$80,000, and the County would have to hire its own engineering firm to install and possibly maintain the connection.

Mr. McLellan explained that as far as Merit wanting the County to be an anchor institution, the only facility the County has that meets their requirements that it be staffed 24-hours a day and has a back-up generator, is the 9-1-1 Center/Jail building. The problem is the distance and it would be an expensive connection. However, if the anchor were at City Hall or the City Fire Station, which is Ed Bradford's recommendation, it would be a lot less expensive to connect.

Mr. Lottie instructed Mr. McLellan to contact the Alliance for Economic Success and find out if the "Connect Manistee" committee still exists. Mr. Kaminski also offered to talk to the AES and the City of Manistee.

The Committee next discussed the power failure investigation. Mr. Kaminski reported that he has letters from the Electrician and Mr. McLellan (see attached) and bills are still coming in. Mr. Kaminski, Mr. Schimke and Mr. McLellan are continually dealing/working on issues and the after affects of the power failure. Mr. Kaminski is compiling all the bills and will be submitting a claim to the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority. Mr. Lottie asked what preventative measures have been taken? It was explained that there is no catch-all that will provide 100% protection. Mr. McLellan feels that the best way to prevent this from happening again is to have a server housed at a remote location, such as the Health Department or Library. This wouldn't be very expensive and nearly everything purchased could be re-used if the connection were expanded to the Sheriff's Office/Jail. Mr. McLellan is continuing to explore various avenues and will report back to the Committee with a proposal. He indicated that having a ballpark figure that the Board might be willing to spend to insure that we don't have a repeat incident would be helpful to him in exploring what solutions are available within that price range.

There being no other business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 P.M.

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Glenn Lottie, County Commissioner

Jeri Lyn Prielipp, Finance Assistant

Gordon McLellan, Network Administrator

Marilyn Kliber, County Clerk

Kathi Lynn, 85th District Court

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Gordon Mc Lellan
Computer Consultant
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December Nine, 2010

Thomas Kaminski
Manistee County Controller / Administrator
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Dear Tom,

After completing careful review and examination of the damaged equipment responsible for the loss of computing services during the week of November 1st, it is my determination that the damage was the result of electrical spikes and surges preceding the loss of an electrical service phase. The data loss encountered on the storage server was caused by the complete failure of three out of five redundant hard disk drives. Additionally, the primary domain controller, a Dell Poweredge 860 server was rendered inoperable by the electrical spikes, receiving damage to the power supply and main system board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gordon L. McLellan', with a stylized, cursive script.

Gordon L. McLellan